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Dear Madam:

This communication is in response to the Advisory Action dated December 12, 2007, and in further response to the final Office Action dated August 23, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith, along with a Two-Month Request for Extension of Time.

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